

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-54 and 57-65 are pending in the application. Claims 66 and 67 are newly added.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-2, 4-15, 17, 19-22, 26-37, 39-44, 47-48, 50-54, 57-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tidwell et al., the article "TaskGuides: Instant Wizards on the Web" published in ACM in 1997. Applicants respectfully traverse.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that Tidwell et al. fail to suggest, teach or disclose a method for creating a wizard including prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps. Instead, Tidwell et al. discloses a technology that allows an end user to combine or remove steps and to add installation specific information. In doing so, users are given options to select items. Applicants assert providing options to a user to select steps is not the same as prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections. Therefore, Tidwell et al. cannot disclose, teach or suggest a method for creating a wizard including prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps as recited in claim 1.

With respect to independent claims 20, 36, and 44, Applicants assert that claims 20, 36, and 44 include similar features as independent claim 1 and are allowable at least for the reasons stated for independent claim 1.

With respect to dependent claims 2, 4-15, 17, 19, 21-22, 26-35, 37, 39-43, 47-48, 50-54, and 57-65, Applicants assert that these claims are allowable at least because they each depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 20, 36, and 44 which have been shown to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the art grounds of rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 3, 18, 23-25, 38, 45-46, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tidwell et al. and further in view of the "Microsoft Computer Dictionary" published on 1997. Applicants respectfully traverse.

As shown above, Tidwell et al. fail to disclose, teach or suggest "a method for creating a wizard including prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps" as recited in independent claim 1; "a wizard creator including a user interface, adapted to prompt input of process steps and potential selections associated with each of the process steps" as recited in independent claim 20; and "a first code for causing a computer to prompt input of process steps and a plurality of potential

selections associated with each of the process steps” as recited in independent claims 36 and 44.

The Microsoft Computer Dictionary discloses various definitions of computer terms. The Microsoft Computer Dictionary, however, fails to disclose teach or suggest “a method for creating a wizard including prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps” as recited in independent claim 1; “a wizard creator including a user interface, adapted to prompt input of process steps and potential selections associated with each of the process steps” as recited in independent claim 20; and “a first code for causing a computer to prompt input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps” as recited in independent claims 36 and 44. Claims 1, 20, 36, and 44 are not made obvious to one skilled in the art by Tidwell et al. in view of the Microsoft Computer Dictionary. Claims 3, 18, 23-25, 38, 45-46, and 49 are allowable at least because each of claims 3, 18, 23-25, 38, 45-46, and 49 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 20, 36, and 44 which Applicants have shown to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

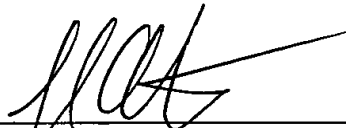
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Terance D. Madden, Reg. No. 51,207, at (703) 668-8024.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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